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`Thoranam' record

DATUK Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali completing a 1,083-metre long "thoranam" by tying the 12,000th strand. Behind her is Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of National Unity and Social Development Datuk S. Veerasingam.

The "thoranam", created on the initiative of the Putrajaya and Cyberjaya Malaysian Indian Association (PCMA), was made by 100 volunteers over 12 hours non-stop and has successfully made it into the Malaysia Book of Records (MBR).

Dr Siti Hasmah, wife of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, signed the MBR certificate verifying the record and commended the PCMA on its efforts.

The "thoranam" is hung at temples and homes during festive occasions. It is also used at funerals.

It was part of the "Wonders of Coconut" event held yesterday at Taman Putra Perdana, Putrajaya.